

Dear FCC, I am writing to ask for your support for low power FM. I live in a city (Spokane) that has a new low power station. KYRS provides a blend of music and news that is unavailable on any other radio outlet - it has over a dozen ethnic shows serving our community, an local environmental radio show and provides a unique, local outlet for dozens of programs. There is an NPR station in town, but it mostly consists of one type of music and short news items.

An added bonus are the dozens of community members who are learning production and broadcasting skills - also unavailable anywhere else in our city. It has the feeling of open access to anyone and this makes Spokane a better place to live.

Our station has in depth interviews with many community leaders, this is simply not available at any other radio outlet.

Community radio is a vital part of democracy and individual stations, not mega corporations like Clear Channel, are providing a service that makes this a better and more democratic country.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Mike Petersen